

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGES

August 6, 2019

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 273 in its entirety.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to maintain a list of at least seven subbase materials and their associated thicknesses needed to provide equivalent structural support of a highway improvement. It further allows all bidders to base their bids on this list of subbase materials unless the engineer of a project specifies, in writing, his or her determination to prohibit one or more subbases from the project.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to law changes that are both unnecessary and cumbersome. As acknowledged in the bill's nonstatutory provision, the department already specifies a list of equivalent materials for road projects. Department engineers likewise already determine what subbases are appropriate for each individual project. Requiring the department to also specify in writing which of the listed subbases would be inappropriate for a project creates unnecessary administrative duties.

Respectfully submitted,
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Governor